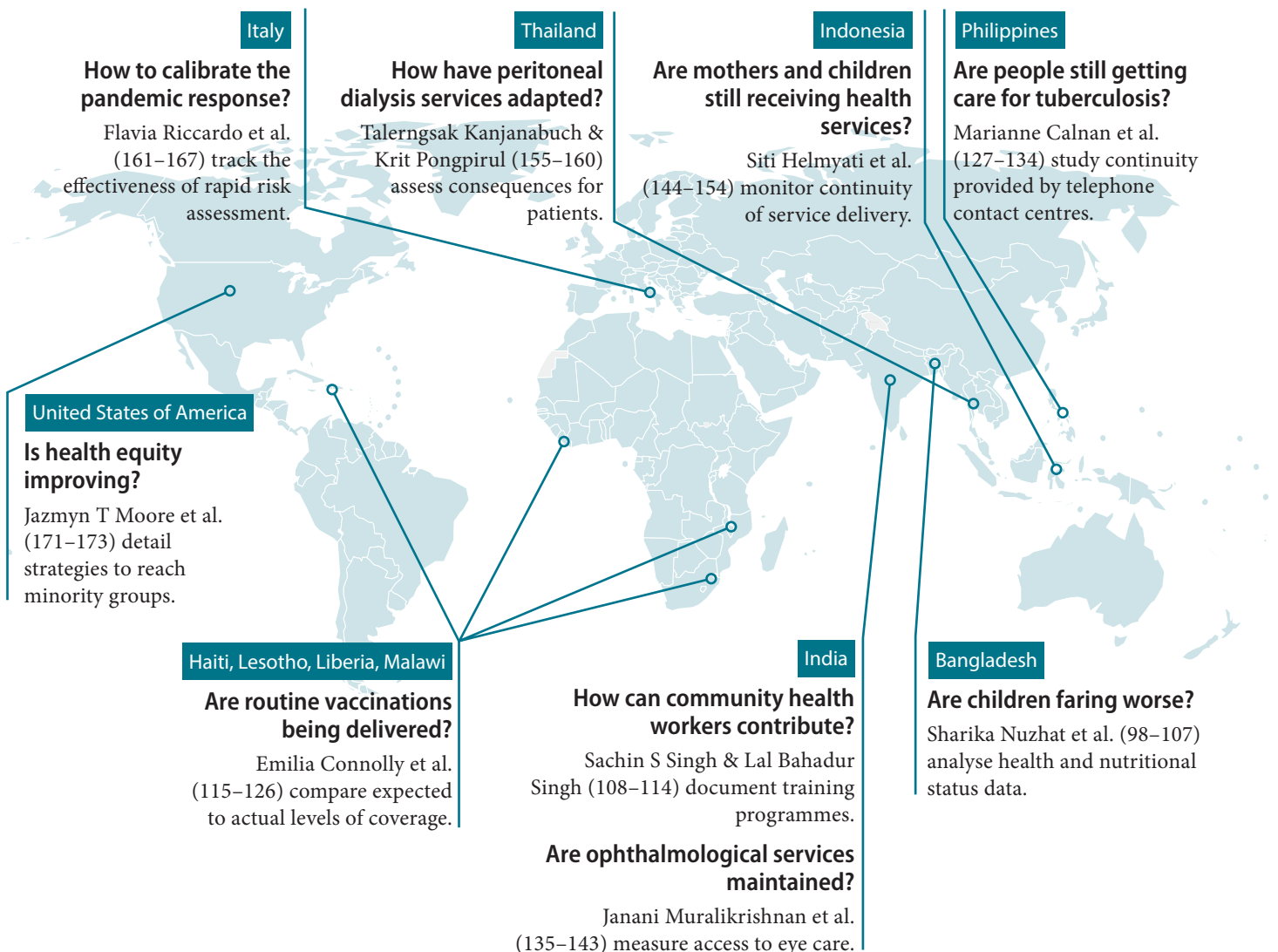


This month's theme issue focuses on policy and health system responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the editorial section, Viroj Tangcharoensathien and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (90) explain why the timing of the pandemic's end will be influenced by political choices. Oscar J Mujica et al. (91) emphasise the need to address health inequity in pandemic preparedness and response plans.

Gary Humphreys (94–95) reports on mobile clinics and their operations, as part of the pandemic response. Uche Amazigo talks to Andréia Azevedo Soares (96–97) about the impact of the pandemic on neglected tropical disease control programmes.



What have countries done to maintain essential health services?

Nikki Gurley et al. (168–170) capture policy developments.

How to ensure delivery of health supplies?

Genevie Fernandes et al. (174–176) describe the requirements of resilient supply chains.